On Trade Related Investment Measures (TRIMs), India has taken the stand that investment measures are used to harmonise the interests of foreign investors with public policy objectives and priorities and the ability of Government to employ such measures should not be curbed. Our approach in the Uruguay Round has, therefore, been only to permit interpretation and application of existing GATT rules to terms and not to allow any new disciplines to be developed.

In respect of trade in Services, India has made a conditional offer of market access in selected services sectors. The access will be subject to the applicable Indian laws, regulations and guidelines. The offer is conditional upon the entire outcome of the negotiations on Services being acceptable to India and upon an adequate response from other participants on requests made by India for market access in sectors of its interests, especially in respect of movement of personnel.

In trade in agriculture, it has been Government's stand that India will not accept any commitments in respect of governmental assistance to agriculture, which are not consistent with India's present stage of development.

Government have clearly stated that India will not accept any changes in its national economic laws and policies which are not in the national interest.

Representative of SC/ST and minorities in the selection committee/ Boards

1752. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 726 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of the bodies under his Ministry which have not implemented the instructions, so far, and the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps are being taken by his Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to information available, all the offices under the administrative control of Ministry of Commerce, are following the instructions dated 16-8-91 while making selection to Group 'C' and Group 'D' Posts

India's Plans to provide Labour Intensive services in USA

1753. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approached the Government of USA to grant India market access to export labour-intensive services, including temporary movement of both high qualified professional and other skilled personnel, under the Multilateral General Agreement on Trade in services; and

(b) if so, the details of the request made and the reaction of the Government of USA thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) In the Uruguay Round negotiations on trade in services, it is envisaged that participants will negotiate among themselves on market access for various services sectors of interest to them. Accordingly, India has tabled a request to other participants for market access in professional services, Computer Related Services, Other Business Services, Health Related and Social Services, Tourism, Travel and Leisure Services,

Education Service and Transport Services by Railway. In these sectors, India is seeking relaxation of restrictions on movement of natural persons to enable Indian services operators to locate certain categories of skilled personnel for temporary residence in foreign markets for a period of 3—5 years.

The request list has not been addressed specifically to the United States but to all participants. The reaction of USA to India's request will be known when bilateral consultations take place.

जी० आई० पाइपों के लिए रेट कांट्रेक्ट

1754. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जी० आई० पाइपों का रेट कांट्रेक्ट कई महीनों से डी० जी० एस० एंड डी० के विचाराधीन है और यदि जहां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि इसके कारण देश में जल-पूर्ति के कार्य रुके हुए हैं और यदि हां, तो सरकार जी० आई० पाइप रेट कांट्रेक्ट को कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान कर देगी ; और

(ग) क्या रेट कांट्रेक्ट को अंतिम रूप दिये जाने में डी० जी० एस० एंड डी० के महानिदेशक द्वारा लापरवाही बरती गई है, यदि हां, तो उस प्राधिकारी के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही किये जाने का विचार है;

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) दिनांक 1-8-91 से 31-7-92 तक की अवधि के लिए जी आई० पाइपों के रेट कांट्रेक्ट के लिए टेंडर दिनांक 26-3-91 को खोले गए थे। एक रेट कांट्रेक्ट प्रतिष्ठित पूर्व पूर्तिकर्ता को दिनांक 25-4-91 को दिया गया था, जिन्होंने न्यूनतम दर कोट किए थे। तथापि, अन्य फर्मों के साथ समकक्ष रेट कांट्रेक्ट तय करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है। इन फर्मों ने गुट बनाकर दर कोट किए हैं जो अत्यधिक हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त ये फर्में बातचीत करने के लिए भी नहीं आ रही हैं, हालांकि उन्हें इसके लिए आमंत्रित किया गया था। इन फर्मों को नए सिरे से बातचीत करने के लिए पुन: आमंत्रित किया गया है।

(ख) कुछ राज्य सरकारों और कुछ रक्षा मंत्रालय के मांगकर्ताओं ने जी० आई० पाइपों की अपनी तत्काल मांग के बारे में सूचित किया है। अन्य फर्मों के साथ समकक्ष रेट कांट्रेक्ट तय करने के संबंध में निर्णय इस मामले के सभी पहलुओं पर विचार करने के बाद किया जाएगा।

(ग) जी नहीं।

India's Trade with Indonesia

1755. **SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase its trade with Indonesia by the year 1996;

(b) if so, what are the details of target fixed separately for the next three years;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to achieve its fixed target;

(d) if so, what are the details there of and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what items are expected under this trade boosting programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) While no separate targets have been fixed, efforts are being made on a continuing basis to promote exports of both traditional and non-traditional items to Indonesia.